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3. A check including the amount of \$710.00 is enclosed to cover the Filing Fee.

4. Cancel claims 2-13 before calculating the filing fee. A Preliminary Amendment is being filed herewith canceling claim 1 and adding new claims 14-31.

5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1417. A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed for this purpose.

6. Amend the specification by inserting, before the first line:

--This is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 09/048,054, filed March 26, 1998.--.

7. New drawings are enclosed, sixteen (16) sheets, Figs. 1-18.

8. The power of attorney is set forth in the Declaration in the prior application or an associate power of attorney is hereby granted to:

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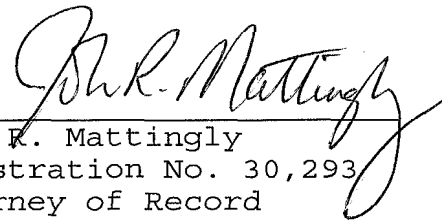
9. The prior application is assigned to Hitachi, Ltd. and Hitachi Hokkai Semiconductor, Ltd.

10. Priority of the following Japanese patent applications is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119:

No. 9-075970, filed March 27, 1997.

The certified priority document has been filed in the parent application Serial No. 09/048,054.

The undersigned hereby declares that no matter contained in the specification, including the claims, and drawings filed in the present continuation application would have been new matter in the prior application Serial No. 09/048,054, as originally filed on March 26, 1998.



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